after merger are now pending with the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. No cases are pending in the Accountant-General's office either. Eight cases are pending in the office of the Sub-Collector, Pudukkottai.

"(b) No pensions settled by the former Pudukkottai State have so far been revised by the Madras Government under the Madras Pension Rules. In the case of one Sri N. Muthiah Pillai, retired Tracer, Land Records Section, Dewan Peishkar's Office, Pudukkottai, the pension originally sanctioned under the Pudukkottai Rules by the Sub-Collector, Pudukkottai, was reduced subsequently at the instance of the Accountant-General. On a representation from the pensioner, the Government have examined the question and decided to restore the original pension."

First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore.

* 275 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the public of Cannanore have asked the Government to open a First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore for the past two or three years; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation in this behalf from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, wherein they offered to pay Rs. 1 lakh towards expenses, and if they have, what action the Government propose to take in this behalf?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government received representations last year and this year from the Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, and a resolution passed by the Municipal Council, Cannanore, in May 1952, requesting the opening of a First Grade Arts College for Women at Cannanore.

The Municipal High School Parents' Association, Cannanore, in their representation received in July 1952 promised to raise Rs. 1 lakh in the course of the year to meet a portion of the expenses towards the starting of a new College. In view of the opening of an aided Second Grade Arts College at Kozhikode by the management of the Providence High School, Kozhikode, during the current academic year and in view of the difficult financial position of the State, the proposal was deferred for the present."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—"In view of the fact that girl students are not getting admission into the Colleges at Kozhikode and other places, will the Government be pleased to reconsider this matter and allow the opening of the College, especially when the public are prepared to co-operate with the Government by donating funds for the College?"

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"The offer of the public will always be considered with sympathy. But in this case, the estimate for building is Rs. 10 lakhs and we cannot

start a College without a building, and so we have to look to some non-official agency which would be prepared to start the College. As I said, for the present we have deferred the matter. My information is that there are a number of Men's Colleges in Malabar and they are freely admitting girl students into them."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that the Government cannot start a separate College, may I know whether they will take steps to at least reserve sufficient number of seats for girl students in the existing Colleges? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The suggestion will be considered and necessary action taken."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister said that the question of starting a separate Women's College at Cannanore is at present being deferred. In view of the fact that the public are prepared to collect a lakh of rupees for the starting of the College and as this cannot be done in a day or two, but will take at least a year, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give us an assurance that the College will be opened so that collection work can be started from now? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" All non-official agencies are perfectly free to carry on with their efforts. The matter will be sympathetically considered by the Government in the light of the prevailing financial circumstances."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that any non-official agency may take a year or two to collect funds and in view of the fact that the work of such a non-official agency would be greatly facilitated if a definite and tangible assurance is given by the Government that the College would be opened, may I know whether the Government are prepared to give such an assurance? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" If the question at issue is, whether the Government are prepared to give an assurance that a Government College would be started, then I may inform the hon. Member that I am not in a position to give such an assurance in the present financial circumstances and in view of the fact that a new Second Grade College has been started this year. But any offer from the public will be sympathetically considered and the Government will do their best in the light of the financial circumstances in the near future."

Alleged large-scale evictions in Ramanathapuram district.

* 276 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation has been received by the Government from the villagers of Paraiyankulam, Thirupuvanam firka, Sivaganga taluk, Ramanathapuram district, complaining of large scale evictions by the landholders; and